



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Special Meeting

Wheeler Crest Fire Station,
129 Willow Road, Swall
Meadows, CA 93514

December 15, 2009

Flash Drive	Not Recorded
Minute Orders	M09-293

6:15 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Hunt

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mark Mikulicich: Complimented Public Works for keeping Lower Rock Creek Road clear of debris during the summer months.

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

- 1a) Snow Removal MOUs with Fire Protection Districts (Jeff Walters) - 1. Receive staff report regarding proposed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the Antelope Valley, Bridgeport, Chalfant, Long Valley, Mono City, Wheeler Crest, and White Mountain Fire Protection Districts (Districts) providing for Mono County snow removal services at each of the District fire stations. 2. Consider and potentially authorize County entry into snow removal MOUs with each of the above Districts. 3. Provide any desired direction to staff.

M09-293 Action: 1. Find that: a) Public Works performs snow removal in the communities of Antelope Valley, Benton, Chalfant, Crowley Lake, Mono City, Swall Meadows, and Twin Lakes and on the County-maintained roads serving the fire stations in each community; b) Public Works has the necessary equipment and staff to perform snow removal services at each of the facilities; c) the Fire Protection Districts are local public agencies; and, d) it is in the public interest to have District fire stations accessible at all times. 2. Authorize the

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Public Works Director (in consultation with County Counsel) to negotiate terms of, enter into, and administer the MOUs for snow removal services at District fire stations; cost is approximately \$1,500 or less per year.

Hazard/Farnetti, 4-0

Evan Nikirk, Public Works: Many local fire stations front on County roads, and Public Works has been clearing the driveways while plowing roads. The Board recently approved an MOU with Paradise Fire District for snowplowing, and the Board asked Public Works to enter into MOUs with other fire districts wishing to have this service. The MOUs will not obligate the County to plow the driveways, which will be done if the time and equipment are available, and the fire districts will indemnify the County.

- 1b) Status Update of Paradise and Swall Meadows Paving Projects (Evan Nikirk) - Receive staff report regarding the status of street paving projects scheduled in the communities of Paradise and Swall Meadows. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Action: None.

Garret Higerd: Reviewed the various paving activities that have occurred in Swall Meadows and Paradise, and those planned for next year. Projects are funded with Prop 1B money and economic stimulus funds.

Supervisor Hazard: Asked Public Works to keep the community of Paradise informed about the traffic calming project.

Public Comment: Complimented the crews and their work; they did a good job.

Additional Departments: Community Development

- 1c) Status Update of Proposed Swall Meadows Emergency Access Road (Evan Nikirk) - Receive staff report regarding the status of the proposed emergency access road project in the community of Swall Meadows. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Action: None.

Evan Nikirk, Public Works: Reviewed the proposed project.

- Some community members in Swall Meadows expressed concern about having only one access road.
- The fire access road would need to meet certain requirements, and would not be exempt from CEQA.
- Currently talking with property owners.
- Preference is to keep the existing road alignment.
- The road would be used for emergency access only, and would be gated.
- Will get a cost estimate before bringing this proposal to the Board.

Scott Burns, Community Development: The Wheeler Crest Community Plan includes an emergency access road.

Supervisor Hazard reviewed several points:

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- Historically Swall Meadows has experienced severe fire problems resulting in the loss of many homes.
- At some point, the state may require more than one access in communities.
- Interest in the emergency access road has come and gone over the years.
- The County does not have jurisdiction over the land in order to construct a road; staff has been reviewing several options. The preference is to use an existing road.
- At this time it is not known how the road would be funded.
- No decisions have been made at this point; both communities will be involved in the process.

Public Comments:

- Patricia Brown, Paradise: Is the Triad report finished? How was it funded? Have environmental issues been addressed? Evan Nikirk: The report is a draft and only addresses the engineering aspects and costs of the project; environmental issues will be addressed at a later time. Funding for the report came from the Public Works budget.
- Leroy Johnson, Paradise: The “existing road” is not really a road; it may cost more and be less useful than people believe. There are environment issues involved. Consider using the road to Tom’s Place.
- Michael O’Sullivan, Paradise: Supported the idea but the location of the road is important to the community. If the dirt road is improved, it will become an attractive nuisance. The roads included in the General Plan don’t include those being considered now.
- Liz O’Sullivan, Paradise: The location of the road is an issue.
- Richard Pena, Paradise: Concurred with O’Sullivan.
- Barbara Schneider, Paradise: Consider other options for the road; do the project right like it was done in June Lake and Mammoth Lakes.
- Cheryl Wilson, Pinon: Would prefer an emergency road going south rather than north.
- Dale Schmidt, Wheeler Crest Fire District: The community is concerned about not having an emergency access road.

ADJOURN: 7:40 p.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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